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Applicant(s): Rajeev Bhardwaj, et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING MULTI-CAST
TRANSMISSIONS USING A DISTRIBUTED ROUTER

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of 03/12/2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-39. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 1-39.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Acharya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,343,326 B2). Applicant reiterates Applicant's arguments as presented in Applicant's response to the previous Office Action.

The Examiner states that Applicant argues that Archarya fails to disclose anything relating to multicast protocol. Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that the Examiner has mischaracterized Applicant's argument, as previously presented. Applicant previously stated, "...Applicant notes that *the cited portion of* Acharya et al. fails to disclose anything relating to 'multicast routing protocol.' ...[emphasis added]"

The Examiner further states that Archarya discloses determining group of multicast addresses or group member on a downstream connection (multicast group membership on a per downstream virtual network), edge device, and port basis and cites col. 7, lines 40-50, and col. 11, lines 35-60.